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BOSTON FISH PIER LANDINGS FOR NOVEMBER 1940

An average price of \$3.28 per hundred pounds was paid for the 22.1 million pounds of fish landed during November at the Boston Fish Pier and sold through the New England Fish Exchange.

These figures show a decrease of 1.6 million pounds in volume and \$0.34 per hundred weight in value, under the previous month, according to the November summary report released today by the Boston Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

When compared with the total catch for the corresponding period in 1939, the figures for November 1940 show an increase of 981,000 pounds in volume. The average price for November last year--\$3.17 per hundred pounds --as against the current \$3.28 average, shows an increase of \$0.11 for this year. The average price of \$3.42 for the first eleven months of 1940 is \$0.64, or 23 percent, higher than the figure of \$2.78 for the comparable period of 1939.

The November catch, which was the result of 591 trips to inshore and

offshore banks, was worth about \$726,000 to the fishermen, while during the same period in 1939, the catch--landed in 538 trips--was worth \$55,000 less, however, or about \$671,000.

In 231 trips, offshore vessels brought in 18.7 million pounds of the total, spread among 19 classifications, at an average price of \$3.35 per hundred weight. Inshore craft, in 360 trips, landed about 3.4 million pounds, consisting of 17 classifications, bringing \$2.90 for an average.

From offshore vessels, market cod (5.0 million pounds at \$2.96); pollock (3.3 million pounds at \$1.94); haddock (3.0 million pounds at \$5.14); large cod (2.0 million pounds at \$3.60); and haddock scrod (1.7 million pounds at \$3.58), were the most abundant species during November.

The month's highest average price was brought by halibut at \$20.98; sea scallops at \$18.00 were second; and lemon sole, at \$11.51, was third.

Inshore craft landed 1.9 million pounds of pollock (at \$2.01 per hundred pounds) in greatest quantity. Haddock (365,000 pounds, at \$6.15) and whiting (245,000 pounds, at \$1.58) followed.

Peak of vessel traffic into Boston occurred on Tuesday, November 12, when 65 vessels landed with 2.1 million pounds of fish; the highest average price was paid on Saturday, November 16, when only 15,000 pounds landed sold at \$16.32 per hundred weight.